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Appendix 4

CIA Interest in Current Aerial Photography Over North Korea

1. If a truce is arranged or not in the Korean episode, it will again fall upon CIA to evaluate the economic potential of North Korea. It is doubtful that we will be allowed the opportunity to examine the industrial plants of the area. In this case, our only recourse will be to utilize the latest aerial photography available. While this photography is flowing into Washington now at a high rate, it is being destroyed equally fast, after being held for 90 days.

2. Neither the Army nor the Air Force has any interest in estimating the residual economic potential in North Korea. CIA encompasses that field of study.

3. Since this photography is classified as RESTRICTED, there is a simple method by which it might be exploited for the benefit of CIA and other interested agencies at little expense. This would be to use it as training material for several photo-interpretation units in the Air Force and/or Army Reserve. I would be very much interested in supervising such a project for CIA.

4. The project would entail the following:

a. As the photography is pulled for destruction at the Central Film Library of the Air Adjutant General in the Pentagon, it could be sorted and those runs over industrial areas put aside to be shipped to me directly or through Int

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Air Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, or any other convenient military installation in Colorado Springs. If it is too much to ask the library to do the sorting, the entire mass can be sent and the useless stuff turned over to the proper authorities at Ent A/B for destruction.

b. At Colorado Springs, I would assign to each competent member of the two photo-interpreter reserve teams based there specific areas for study. These reservists would do detailed damage analyses plotting the data on AHS City Plans when available and on city plans developed from the photographs when AHS sheets are not available. They would also compile descriptive accounts of each of the major plants from which the responsible analysts might make their estimates of economic potential. These reports would be accompanied by mounted stereograms for the use of the analyst in conjunction with CIA photo interpreters for any further evaluation found necessary. The data would be shipped to CIA periodically as specific areas were completed.

c. The interpretations would be done as a part of the P.I. training program and thus would not entail any expense for labor. The CIA would need to supply some tracing paper, etc., for work sheets, appropriate AHS City plans in limited quantities and reimbursement for shipping the reports. A guess is that the cost to CIA would be less than \$500, probably little more than \$200.

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d. It would be convenient to have in a secure place at Colorado Springs -- ADC, Bat A/B or Camp Carson -- a set of the FFAF Target folders on North Korea so the individual plant reports could be keyed in such a manner that CIA analysts would be in no doubt as to the particular plant referred to. I would do this keying as a part of the review I would normally impose upon each report.

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